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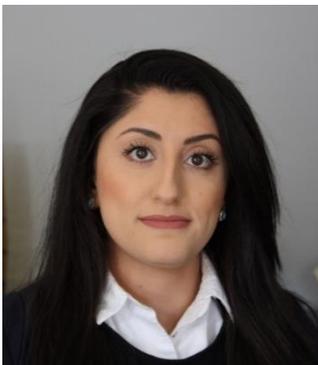
Ending Genocide: U.S. Government Genocide Designations and Next Steps

Panel



Todd Buchwald served as Special Coordinator for the State Department's Office of Global Criminal Justice from December 2015 through July 2017 and was conferred the rank of Ambassador by President Obama in July 2016. Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Buchwald served as a career lawyer in the Department's Office of the Legal Adviser, including as the Assistant Legal Adviser for Political-Military Affairs during the Clinton and Bush Administrations, and the Assistant Legal Adviser for United Nations Affairs during the Bush and Obama Administrations. Following his departure from the State Department, Mr. Buchwald was appointed as the inaugural Tom A. Bernstein Genocide Prevention Fellow at the Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. He is currently

a Professorial Lecturer in Law at George Washington University Law School and Visiting Lecturer at Indiana University, Hamilton-Lugar School Global and International Studies.



Pari Ibrahim is the Founder and Executive Director of the Free Yezidi Foundation (FYF). She is a Yezidi woman originally from Iraq. Ms. Ibrahim fled Iraq with her family in 1991 during the Saddam Hussein regime, eventually settling in the Netherlands. Ms. Ibrahim created the Free Yezidi Foundation in 2014 to provide support for Yezidi survivors in the aftermath of the Yezidi Genocide perpetrated by ISIS. The Foundation's fundamental values include women's rights, justice for gender-based violence and sexual violence, and the rights of ethno-religious minorities. FYF has implemented programs funded by the United Nations, the US Government, European governments, and various foundations and international organizations. Ms. Ibrahim seeks an

Iraqi society where Yezidis are considered equal. Similarly, she advocates for gender equality in Iraq, particularly for women and girls of the Yezidi community.



Beth Van Schaack is the Leah Kaplan Visiting Professor in Human Rights at Stanford Law School where she teaches in the areas of international human rights, international criminal law, and human trafficking, among other subjects, and has been the Acting Director of the Human Rights & Conflict Resolution Clinic. She is also a Faculty Fellow with Stanford's Center for Human Rights & International Justice at Stanford University. Prior to returning to academia, she served as Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues in the Office of Global Criminal Justice of the U.S. Department of State under Secretaries Clinton and Kerry. In that capacity, she helped to advise the Secretary of State and the Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy and Human Rights on the formulation of U.S. policy regarding the prevention of and accountability for mass atrocities, such as war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. She has also spent time in private practice with Morrison & Foerster LLP and with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.



Daniel Fullerton currently serves as an International Cooperation Specialist in the Office of East African Affairs at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Prior to assuming this position, he served as an attorney with the Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG) where he specialized in advising state and non-state actors in conflict and post-conflict environments on peace negotiations, transitional justice, human rights documentation, rule of law, and post-conflict governance. Mr. Fullerton's work has included extensive engagement on Burma, including managing PILPG's State Department-commissioned 2018 investigation into atrocity crimes against the Rohingya and then co-drafting the public factual findings and legal analysis reports on the investigation's findings. Mr. Fullerton has also worked with Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh to conduct further human rights investigations, and he has worked closely with the UN, the ICC, and other international accountability actors on their Rohingya investigations.



Wai Wai Nu is the founder and Executive Director of the Women's Peace Network in Burma. After spending seven years as a political prisoner in Burma, Nu has dedicated herself to working for democracy and human rights, particularly on behalf of marginalized women and members of her ethnic group, the Rohingya. Through the Women's Peace Network, Nu works to build peace and mutual understanding between Burma's ethnic communities and to empower and advocate for the rights of marginalized women throughout Burma, and particularly in Rakhine State. Her work also aims to reduce discrimination and hatred among Buddhist and Muslim communities and to improve the human rights of the Rohingya people through documentation, convenings, and policy advocacy among key leaders in Burma and high-level international fora. Through her work, she has been recognized as a Champion of Prevention by the United Nation's Office of the Prevention of Genocide and Responsibility to Protect.